



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 99-372-F)

PATENT

In re Application of: Welcher et al.)
Serial No.: 09/927,850)
Filed: August 10, 2001)
For: Interferon-Like Molecules)
and Uses Thereof)

Before the Examiner: J. Andres
Group Art Unit: 1646

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED MAY 6, 2003

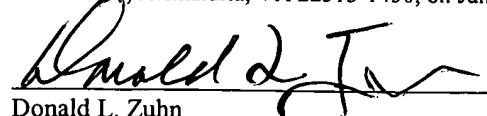
Responsive to the Office Action mailed May 6, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims: Pursuant to revised 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, Applicants present a complete listing of the claims, including marked up versions of all currently amended claims, at pages 2-7.

Remarks: Applicants' Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

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